

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Mining Leases for Iron Ore existing in the H.Siddapuram, Obulapuram and Malapanagudi Villages, covering Bellary Reserve Forest, Anantapur District – Suspension of mining operations – Orders – Issued.

INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.723,

Dated:25-11-2009.

Read the following:-

- 1) From the Prl.CCF, AP., Hyderabad Rc.No.51066/2004/F2,
Dated:06-11-2009.
- 2) From the Prl.CCF, AP., Hyderabad Rc.No.51066/2004/F2,
Dated:20-11-2009.
- 3) From Sri M.K.Jiwrajka, Member Central Empowered Committee
F.No.1-21/CEC/SC/2008-Pt.III, dt.23-11-2009.

O R D E R :

Whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have granted the following mining leases in Obulapuram, H-Siddapuram and Malapanagudi Villages of Ananthapur District covering part in Bellary Reserve Forest:

Sl. No	Name of the Lessee	Reference in which lease was granted	EFS&T orders No. & date (Forest Clearance)
1	M/s. Bellary Iron Ore Pvt Ltd.,	G.O.Ms. NO.102, Dt.11-02-2000,	G.O.Ms.No.76 Dt.26.6.98
2	M/s. Y. Mahabaleswarappa & Sons	G.O.Ms. NO.156, Dt.08-03-2001.	G.O.Ms.No.152, Dt.2.12.99
3	M/s. Obulapuram Mining Company Pvt Ltd.,	Transferred vide G.O.Ms. No.80, Dt.18-02-2002.	G.O.Ms.No.73, Dt.28.7.07
4	M/s. Ananthapur Mining Corporation	G.O.Ms.No.172, dt.10.7.06	G.O.Ms.No.82, Dt.24.10.03
5	M/s. Obulapuram Mining Company Pvt Ltd.,	G.O.Ms. NO.151, Dt.18-06-2007	G.O.Ms.No.07, Dt.10.01.07
6	M/s. Obulapuram Mining Company Pvt Ltd.,	G.O.Ms. NO.152, Dt.18-06-2007	G.O.Ms.No.117, Dt.7.10.06

2. And whereas, pursuant to the directions of the Government, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has constituted a three member Committee vide reference 1st read above to enquire into the allegations of illegal mining etc., in the above mining areas. The said Committee in its report submitted on 20-11-2009 has reported several inconsistencies in the location of the inter village boundary between H.Siddapuram and Obulapuram Villages undertaken by the High Level Committee constituted by the Industries & Commerce Department on 14-2-2008 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Conservator of

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Forests, Anantapur. That the inconsistent survey done and the resultant faulty location of inter village boundary has led to improper location of various mining leases on the ground.

3. And whereas, the Central Empowered Committee while submitting it's report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on I.A.No.2/2009 in W.P.(C).No.201/2009 filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, have furnished a copy of the said Report to the State Government vide reference 3rd read above and advised to take immediate steps to stop the mining operations including transportation of already mined material from all the six (6) mines dealt with in the CEC's Report.

4. And whereas, the balance of convenience lies in suspending the mining operations in all the six (6) mines dealt with in the CEC's Report, since the iron ore once mined and or dispatched cannot be recouped.

5. Now, therefore, after detailed examination of the entire issue, the State Government, taking into account the contents of the three Member Committee report and the contents of the Central Empowered Committee report, hereby suspend the operations, including transportation of already mined material from the six (6) Mines mentioned at para-1 above and the respective stock-yards at various places, pending appropriate orders from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on CEC Report.

6. The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, A.P., Hyderabad shall take immediate necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.VEERABHADRAIAH,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Director of Mines & Geology, Hyderabad.

The Principal, Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.

The E.F.S.&T.Department.

The Lease Holders concerned through DMG, AP, Hyderabad.

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The Central Empowered Committee,

2nd Floor, Chanakya Bhavan, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi

The Zonal Joint Director of Mines & Geology, Kadapa.

The Asst. Director of Mines & Geology, Anantapur.

The District Collector, Anantapur.

The Superintendent of Police, Anantapur.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Anantapur.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Anantapur.

The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines, New Delhi.

The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur.

The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jarkand.

The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER